GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Shortage of Doctors and Nurses
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the gap between doctors/nurses/health professionals and the number of patient attended by them has widened in Central Government Hospitals particularly Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, Delhi during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, hospital and cadre-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study/enquiry to ascertain the impact of such gap on the services being provided to patients in these hospitals;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (e): The number of patients visiting three Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals for treatment is much larger as compared to their handling capacity in terms of number of beds, manpower and other resources. Despite availability of huge infrastructure and other services in these Hospitals, there is a waiting period for certain procedures due to the ever increasing pressure on infrastructure and available manpower in these hospitals, which varies from Department to Department in these Hospitals. However, all the patients registered in OPD are given adequate care and attention while providing them clinical treatment.
Expansion of existing facilities and creation of new facility in a Hospital is an on-going process and is undertaken as per the requirement and availability of resources. Projects for augmentation of capacity have also been approved in the three Central Government hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals.
In addition, the Government is setting up new AIIMS in various States to provide tertiary health care services to the general public in the respective States/region. Besides this, Government have also taken up up-gradation of existing Government medical college institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), which include improving health infrastructure through construction of Super Specialty Blocks/Trauma Centres, etc. and procurement of medical equipment for existing as well as new facilities.
These initiatives will progressively bring down the patient load on these Hospitals in the coming years leading to reduction of waiting period substantially as the inflow of the patients from distant areas to these hospitals will be reduced.